

Group Name	Number Represented	Number of Participants	Efforts and Accomplishments	Contact(s) Information
Rusk County TNS Study Circle	20	20 (5-8 dedicated)	So far we are still discussing the NS for Communities book. We hope to begin discussing projects and policies this fall. Held a Sustainable Energy Fair. Events seem to have greatest draw, impact. Trying to gather interest and involvement.	Cader Olive, W3389 Co Rd B, Glen Flora, WI 54526, 715-322-4349, livefreeforall@hotmail.com
River Falls TNS circle	11	8 (avg.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Discussion of formation of new designated bicycle routes in RF •Review and discussion of St. Croix County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan •Personal commitments to increase daily bicycle transit •Organized 3 successive Community Bike Rides to promote bicycling 	Rainbow Barry, rainbowbarry@yahoo.com, 715-499-6667 Nanette McIntyre-Schellhorn, rdschellhorn@comcast.net, 425-7386
Luck Area TNS groups (Three study circles met last spring in northern Polk County, including residents of towns and villages in and around Luck, Frederic and Cushing. I believe there may be one new study circle starting soon through Frederic Community Education, but I haven't got confirmation of that.)	30	10 in each of 3 groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Working at the township level, trying to defeat or at least stall construction of a large gravel pit in a pristine area. This effort has involved much collaboration with local elected officials and a very steep learning curve regarding zoning laws. •In another nearby township, TNSers have been at the forefront of efforts to encourage town officials to adopt the county's comprehensive land use ordinance in order to protect themselves from unbridled, unregulated development. The town board recently agreed to hold a special town meeting to discuss the pros and cons of zoning. •TNSers in the Village of Frederic are working to establish a community center for the arts. 	Jeff Peterson, 750 Round Lake Rd., Luck, WI 54853, 715-472-2728, peterson@lakeland.ws
SustainableAmery (SA)	12 to 14	12 (all Polk Co.), also HS group of 6 to 8	<p>City Government. SA (Formerly, committee for a Green Amery) was formed when I was asked by Mayor Harvey Stower to start a group to work toward having Amery become and Eco-Municipality. That was about a year and a half ago. We met and continue to meet monthly (the Third Monday of the Month), at the Bremer Bank Community room at 7pm in Amery. All are welcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I have given updates and information as part of committee reports at city council meetings fairly regularly; that visibility has led to our drafting of Eco-Municipality legislation and presentation of such to the Planning Commission (PC). As the Smart Growth Comprehensive plan is being developed at this time. Harvey suggested we approach PC. We have gotten a very positive response and as a result several things have been initiated. •The verbiage within each section of the plan areas has been strengthened with TNS concepts. (Amery's plan already had many aspects consistent with the four conditions of TNS, but now more specific verbiage was enhanced). •Passing eco-municipality legislation for Amery is proposed to be one of the action items of the comprehensive plan. •A joint meeting of the PC, Amery City Council and the Redevelopment Committee has been scheduled for 10/16/2008 at which SA will present the concepts of Sustainability and TNS, with the hope of generating study circles within the city government, and providing education and understanding. <p>Study Circles. Fall of 2008 Community Education offerings were two opportunities for TNS Study Circle formation. There may be one circle forming out of the Comm. Ed. people. SA will offer Study Circle formation at part of the next Comm. Ed. offerings.</p> <p>Earth Day Events. SA has been the organizational force behind Earth Day events in Amery for the past two years. We are continuing for Earth Day 2009. SA has a small committee that is already meeting to begin planning for the 2009 events. We hope to expand last years EcoFair, with more booths and additional speakers, etc. We were asked by Harvey to plan the Earth Day events 2 years ago and have continued to evolve the events since. Amery Senior Center donated their Centennial Hall space free of charge last year as a co-sponsor, and we plan to use the space again for 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We have contacted the local paper, Amery Free Press, and provided them with brief informational items around sustainability and they have stated they will insert them into 	Kathleen Kolar, 268-7604, 219 Keller Avenue North, Amery, WI 54001 Peter Henry of Little Falls, WI is an additional contact (268-6893). He has set up a website: ecomunicipality.com
St. Croix Falls Area TNS groups (two)	City and Town of St. Croix Falls, Taylors Falls and Centuria - 6	same as number represented	<p>The first group ended the study circle about the book in late spring (2008).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Coordinated the county-wide Natural Step group at Lamar. •Represented the Natural Step at planning meetings; set up a booth and educated people for the Autumn Fest. •Coordinated recycling bins for the downtown area of St. Croix Falls •Solar panels in schools •Local public librarian involved in activities 	Cindy Collins, cbcollins@centurytel.net Timm Johnson, johnson@frontiernet.net
Spring Valley Earth Council	19	19	We really don't have any accomplishments to date other than that decided to stay together. Agreement on a name, Spring Valley Earth Council, and general mission vision comments that reflect TNS principles is as far as we have gotten.	Rob Peterson, rob@integral-consult.com Gail Behr, gbehr@baldwin-telecom.net
St. Croix Citizens for Sustainability (Hudson)	11 (approx.)	11 (approx.)		Stew Erickson, stew@aggas.com (involved with Rotary International) John Kalmon, john@jpkalmon.com
Red Cedar Sustainable Communities	25		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Involvement with Food Network. •Mission Statement: Red Cedar Sustainable Communities is dedicated to developing and preserving our cities, towns, villages and rural areas for a sustainable future. •Website: redcedarsustain.wetpaint.com/ 	Tracey Mofle, tracey.mofle@uwc.edu April Nielsen, april@chibardun.net Shawn Tisdell, shawntisdell@gmail.com